WILLS POINT.

The Proud Little Commercial City of the Famous and Rich County of Van Zandt.

What the Soil Will Yield and How Nature Has Provided That Crops Shall Not Fall.

A Glance Into the Business Houses of the Men Who are Building Up the Fame of County and City.

Special Correspondence of the Gazette. WILLS POINT, TEX., Feb. 20 .- The name of Van Zandt is one which brings the flush of pride to the brow of every Texau, and the county which has the honor of bearing his illustrious name has icknowledged its allegiance to Texas oth as a republic and a state.

picture of Van Zandt county, but simply a brief outline of its many advantages as

an agricultural county.

It is located on the divide between Sabine and Trinity rivers, giving it drain-age unsurpassed, an advantage possessed by few of its elater counties, and which the home-seeker knows the value of. A large number of water-courses have their fountain-heads in Van Zandt, and are about equally divided in their choice of outlet, between the rivers above mentioned. It is bounded on the north by Hunt, on the east by Wood, on the south by Henderson, and on the west by Kaufman county, is traversed from east to west by the Texas & Pacific rallroad, its principal distributing depot, Wills Point, being on the line of said road, 150 miles west of Shreveport, La., and seventy-seven miles east of Fort Worth.

With an area of 840 square miles, about all been cone-third of which is gently rolling prairie, Van Zandt possesses peculiar The pas and pronounced advantages sufficiently reigns su abundant to tempt a "native to the manor born" from the very heart of the blue glass regions of Kentucky. Its sylva and flora are inviting beyond coma black sandy loam—from one to two feet-deep—and set upon a substratum of clay, decidedly rich and productive and easily cultivated, being altogether free from that tight, close, waxy and intolerable stick-ing tendency of the lands further west, of the nature of alluvium. In the southeast portion of the county is a plat of lands remarkably rich and productive,

stock-farming on account of their excel-lent grazing, easy access to abundant sweet living water and natural protec-tion against the "norther," which is so destructive to cattle further west.

The woodlands are studded with a heavy growth of post oak, red oak, blok-ory, ash, walnut, blackjack, bitter pecan, cottonwood, gum, pine and other varie-ties of timber. The United States cen-sus foresty bureau for 1880 accredited Van Zandt county with 26,000,000 feet board measure of pinus mitus (short leaved pine).

The cereals average better here than in most portions of the state. (By way of parenthesis, the writer begs to state right here that he is endeavoring to make liable sources, can be fully verified.) Wheat yields 16 to 30 Sushels per acre;

ndiau corn, 25 to 40; barley, 40 up; oats, With improved methods of farming these figures could be Increased 20 per cent.

Cotton yields from one-third to fiveeighths bale per sere on a fair average, results not depending so much on the quality of the lands as the care observed n cultivation. More than a bale to the acre has been raised.

Irish potatoes produce 100 bushels to the acre, the peculiar adaptation of the abundant production. Sweet potatoes average 200 bushels per acre. Pumpkins, squashes, mellons, etc., are at home here, attaining to enormous size, of the finest dayor and quality. Molasses from ribbon cane gives from 250 to 350 gallons per acre. Millet produces from 2 to 4 tons per acre, and all the grasses do well, and all have those rich, sweet suc-culent qualities found only in favored

Nine-tenths of the county is adapted to farming purposes. The rich, red land is to be found in the eastern portion of the county; the gray loamy soil in the south-ern portion, the black land in the northorn, and the mellow alluviums along all the water courses, which are very numer-ous. From their very nature, all these lands are comparatively easy to cultivate and capable of the very highest state of

Pruit culture is yet in its infancy in Van Zandt, but sufficiently tested to indicate its wonderful adaptation to that profitable and delightful occupation. Mr. A. W. Riley of Wills Point showed the writer, last fall, apples fully equal to the famous Ren Davis in flavor and color and grist mills 2, express offices 2, dentist 1 much larger in size, which were produced from a young orchard in the southern part of the county. Grapes grow large in size, rich in flavor, and profuse in every bandry profitable. This is the natural nome of the strawberry, and the same might be said truthfully of all the small

Good water can be obtained by digging from twenty to forty feet, in any part of the county, and artesian wells can be

The population of the county is 17,000, and shows an increase of 97 per cent. since 1870. Taxable valuations in the same time are represented by the differ-ence between \$605,528 and \$8,579 287.

The rainfall is so uniform (about forty inches' that a fallure of crops is seldom known. Unimproved prairie lands range from \$5 to \$5 per acre and bottom lands from \$5 to \$20. Lands can be rented from \$2.50 to \$5.

compare favorably with any other, and are in the hands of efficient officers, who

ians have comfortable houses of worship, not there is a church in nearly every relighborhood, and in some two or more.

good citizenship, Van Zandt has no superior in the state. There are no bickerings or jealousies; no contention; no strife. The people are straightforward, industri-Southwest will be amply repaid by a personal inspection of the county. The county has no debt, levying a tax of only 32 cents on the one hundred dollars. The men on ceimate is delightful, the mean tempera-ture in summer being about \$2°, and in winter 45° Fahr., the advantage of its natural drainage making one of the health st localities to be found anywhere.

In summing up, the reader's attention is called to the fact again that this is no faucy sketch gotten up to deceive the un-wary, but a simple statement of facts, the balf of which have not been told. The wheels of progress in Van Zandt have been clogged to some extent by the in-nuendoes and slvrs cast upon it by jeal-ous rivals on account of a little trouble which took place between opposing fac-tions some years ago, and this unfortun-ate affair has been harped upon by interested parties elsewhere, who had nothing but mercenary motives to subserve and heliish spleen to vent. But these troubles have all passed away and are even forgotten by some who were familiar with them at the time.

There is not a more quiet, law-abiding, oth as a republic and a state.

It is not the purpose of the writer at the borders of the state of Texas than resent, however, to give an historical are to be found right here in Van Zandt

Take it all in all Van Zandt is about the best poor man's county in the state, a p-cullar com-bination of circumstances having always com-bined to keep the price of a large portion of her productive lands down remarkably low.—[Terell Star

Commenting on the above briefly, it, might be said that Cincinnati had a RIOT a few years ago that was not only a disgrace to Ohio, but to civilization. But everything is quiet there now; property is safe; society is restored to its former equilibrium. Peace reigns, and all is for-

Van Zandt county had no riot, nor anything approaching to it, but simply a misunderstanding on a question of a local nature, which was sought to be settled by force of arms, instead of an appeal to the courts. But the hot blood cooled; better counsel prevailed; the matter has all been settled by the courts, and settled There is no lawlessness The past is forgotten. Brotherly love reigns supreme

Edgewood, and Grand Saline are two small stations on the railroad, and Canton, thirteen miles southeast of Wills Point, is the county seat. It is a town pare to the lover of all that is beautiful of about 400 inhabitants, has several and lovely in nature. The prairie soil is of stores, two good hotels, and one newspaper, the Texan-Telephone, edited and published by Mr. Ed. Foster. It is a weekly, six-column follo, and, we are informed, has a good circulation.

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and from its adaptation to the growth of the fleecy staple and the peculiar sliky cast and leogth of its lint is known as "cream level." The prairie, as well as a large portion on the ratio of increase since the last for dinner. Mine host, Maj. J. F. Montthe woodlands, is finely adapted to census. The major part of the business is trans-

acted in good, substantial brick buildings. It is not a town of mushroom growth, peculiar to many rallroad towns, ings. but since it was first laid out it has had a natural advantages of its location will at no distant day be the most important city between Dallas and Shreveport. It is not only in the center of one of the finest agri-waiters are all politeness and attention, enitural districts to be found anywhere, but the large amount of hard woods so near it will evidently make it a manufacturing town in the near future.

The residences are mostly neat cot-tages, with grounds tastefully laid out and adorned with flowers and shrubbery. In fact, there are evidences of taste, culture a fair and impartial statement in regard to the natural advantages of Van Zandr country with no intention of detracting from other portions of the grand old Lone Star state; the information recorded in Star state; the information recorded in the latter having been gathered from the state towns in the Southwest, there the latter having been gathered from the state towns in the Southwest, there the latter having been gathered from the latter having the latter havi being only seven deaths recorded in eighteen months. It is incorporated and street and find snugly ensconsed in his kept in good sanitary condition, and quiet new and pleasant quarters Mr. D. Will-new and pleasant quarters and peaceable at all times, especially on lams, the artistic shoemaker, hard at Sunday, when you can scarcely hear a plank walk or gump drop (copyright secured) and all joking aside, is a very dead one that all lovers of comfortable, sirable place to live.

Five religious bodies hold services reg-

ularly, viz: Methodist, Baptist, Christiau, and Old School and Cumberland Presbyterian. There are three Sunday well attended and in flourishing condition. The Presbyterian and as the teaching of this people is becoming' known their membership is rapidly clined, the St. Julien keeps a full stock increasing. Much interest is manifested of inquors, wines and mail beverages, and in Christianity, and they work unani-mously together without respect to doc-our friend, Mr. A. W. Riley, keeps a trines, creeds, schisms or dogmas.

The schools are of the best to be found. Prof. Cowles, principal of the high anxious to get some dots pertaining to school, is an educator of the first rank. this letter (he being an old citizen and an Plain, practical, experienced, torcible, yet gentle and kind-hearted, he comyet gentle and kind-hearted, he com-mands the love and respect of his pupils and the esteem of the people

Wills Point has sixty-six husiness houses, as follows: Dry-goods and groceries 6, groceries 3, bakerles and conctioneries 2, drug stores 8, saloons 4, sankers 2, hotels 3, lumber vards 5, lie ry stables 2, lawyers 6, laundries 1, milliners 1, restaurants 2, newspapers 1 physicians 4, shoe shops 1, undertakers 1 wayon-makers and blacksmiths 3, hard ware dealers 1, tin shop 1, cotton yards 2, painters 2, barbers jewe'ers 2, contractors and builders notaries public 2. Total, There is also a nice, opera-house, with good stage, scenery and a'l the necessary belongings.

It would be impossible in any reasons-

ble space to mention all the houses in detail, but only the more public-spirited and whom your correspo 'interviewed," without any offense, of course, to the others. We begin with

MESSES KEARBY & M'CHESNEY, lawyers and land sgents, because they are at the head of our list. These gentlemen need no introduction, for they have had a residence of fifteen years. They practice in all the courts of the Seventh judicial district, in the state and federal courts, and their extensive law practice throughout the state tesin, and to on their se held placed services. ouy and sell real estate and personal property on commission; have a complete abstract of titles to all the lands in Vansupere favorably with any other, and in the hands of efficient officers, who ish them rigorously and scalously. In cy the schools and churches are far over the average in purple, the schools and churches are far over the average in purple, the schools and churches are far over the average in purple, the schools and churches are far over the average in purple, the schools and churches are far over the schools and churches are far over the price and boast of people.

The Baptist, Methodist, Christian and disconsing the form of the will be considered and schools and for schools and the state, and the plants of the plants, and they correspond to their back of the plants

BARKING MOUSE cal. He is not a great talker, but when ness. Mr. Lybraud, the cashler, is one he speaks it counts. A high-minded, of our best and most enterprising citizens, conscientious, public-spirited citizen, he is one of whom any community may well our cigar has burned out, and Eddy Crow, be proud. Any business intrusted to his the handsome and accommodating clerk keeping will receive careful, prompt and in expeditions attention. Recrossing the

president pro tem of that body, and will pernong would be next in order, and be for the next two years. Slade B. Kill-right in the next door we find gore, Esq., the junior member of the firm, though quite a young man, has recently been admitted to practice in the state and federal courts, and is a rising delightful "scup" he is telling us that young lawyer of great promise. They are both courteous and polished gentlemen. They practice in all the cours, do a general commercial and collecting business, furnish abstracts of titles and pay taxes for non-residents. Mr. R. M. Lively of Canton, the county seat, is also a member of the firm, and it has its arrangements so calls especial attention to his fine old systematically and methodically planned whiskies, brandies and wines, so valuable that business can be transacted rapid y, promptly and correctly. All correspondence of any subject pertaining to their line of business will be carefully and con-scientiously attended to. Before leav-ing the Jones building we return to the head of the stairs and enter the office of

THE WILLS POINT CHRONICLE,
Yantis & Strong, publishers, with R. E.
Yantis, Esq., in the sanctum. Mr Yantis, who is also a young 'dimb of the law," has but recently associated him-self with Mr. Strong in the newspaper business and is an editor of less than six months growth, yet the Chronicle is al-ready making itself felt in the land. Ed Strong is a young man of sterling qualities, not afraid of hard work, who has a push and vim that is spreto bring success. and prosperity, and possessing those qualities of head and heart that will always insure him a warm corner in the hearts of all with whom he may come in contact. We sincerely wish him all the good things of this life 'hat an honest, generous-hearted, pure-minded man can enjoy, for he is worthy. The Chronicle is a neat, well-printed paper with a circulaing tendency of the lands further west, while the timbered lands are still more deput, the largest town in Van Zandt piled with many of the latest faces of the many of the latest faces of county, is the creation of the Texas & type, and we have seen some work re-presents for ladies, gentlemen and chil-Pacific railroad. It is located on the di-presents for ladies, gentlemen and chilvide between the Sabine and Trinity and is the highest point between Marshall claim to be a judge of such work, shirt-stud, with profuse thanks we take and Fort Worth. The town is beautiful. Wishing the most abundant success to our leave to find ourself next in the the Chronicle, we wend our way to the house of MONTFORT HOUSE

fort, is just such a landlord as every are always groaning under the edibles healthy growth, and from the and "good things of this life," (speaking waiters are all politeness and attention, tend to their duties. clean. The "Montfort" is a quiet, cot-pleasant hostelry, and the charges are and very low for the accommodations fur-nished. Dinner over, we stroll into

neat-fitting footgear appreciate. As it is our custom to smoke after dinner, we step

next door and receive greeting from "Uncle Henry" Jones, who chats pleas-autly, wnile Mr. Johnny Spires shakes up Methodist congregation worship in their for us one of his incomparable lemonown churches. The Christians have ades. Now, lemonade is our weakness, bought a lot, and have almost enough and if there is anything we can fully apmoney subscribed to erect a building, and preclate it is a good femonade. Johnny can make them. For the bibulously in-clined, the St. Julien keeps a full stock in religious matters here by all believers its managers are always happy to serve

> next door, right on the corner, and being ex-editor), we find him hard at work, with his handsome clerk, Jimmy Ashton, county, and has published newspapers both here and at Canton. He is a model on the corner of Fifth, where we started citizen, and one of those candid, pleasant, truth-loving men that bring forth admiration and command attention.

where we find our efficient, accommodating Postmaster Weaver and his equally mail (for this is a distributing office), is-While waiting for Mr. Weaver to eash us a \$7000 postoffice order, he informs us that the business of the office is steadily increasing. Before it is forgotten, we would beg to remind our citizens who have a habit of mailing their letters on the train, that our pos master gets a percent, for every stam, canceled in his ofdee, and it is our duty to mail letters in the office, it possible. Pocketing our "collattral," we step in next door to purchase some confectioneries for the children, and find

GEORGE BEYNOLDS.

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WILLS POINT BANK, or jealousies; no contention; no strife.

The people are straightforward, industrious and hospitable, withal; and all who are seeking new homes in the great by the suave and polite cashier, southwest will be amply repaid by a personal inspection of the county. The county has no debt, levying a tax of only 32 cents on the one hundred dollars. The collection business. Capt. Owens is perhaps one of the best-hosted climate is delightful, the mean temperature in summer being about \$2^{\circ}, and in winter 45° Fally, the advantage of its he speaks it counts. A high-minded, of our best and most entrying at the cashier, the speaks it counts. A high-minded, of our best and most entrying citizens.

W. B. WINLE POINT HANK,

In the brick building, and make a deposit.

Here we find the cashier, but when the prick building, and make a deposit.

Here we find the cashier, Mr. J. F.

Gready, all smiles, for they well should smiles,

Messus. Silone & Kilone, (father and son), attorneys and counselors at law. Col. C. B. Kilgore is one of the oldest and most favorably known lawyers in the state, and his brilliant attainments as a criminal lawyer and a statesman have won for him a name and a father member of the present state senate, and president pro tem of that body, and will be for the value of the collection of the collection of the present state senate, and president pro tem of that body, and will be for the value of the present state senate, and president pro tem of that body, and will be for the value of the present state senate, and president pro tem of that body, and will be for the value of the present state senate, and president pro tem of that body, and will be for the value of the present state senate, and presenting us with a bunch of pure Hason in the olveola process, son in the olveola process, son in the olveola process, molars, bicus-pids, by jingo—no, 'taint that—we thought it was that, though, the first time we heard it. We found the doctor fully of the value of the presenting us with a bunch of pure Hason in the olveola process, molars, bicus-pids, by jingo—no, 'taint that—we thought it was that, though the first time equipped with all the best and most improved machinery and instruments for doing dental work, and very reasonable it, for liberal, enterprising business men (say three minutes) the doctor extracted thirteen back jaw teeth so painless because of the present state senate, and presenting us with a bunch of pure Hason in the olveola process, molars, bicus-pids, by jingo—no, 'taint that—we thought it was that, though the doctor fully of drugs, paints, oils, books, stationery, equipped with all the best and most improved machinery and instruments for doing dental work, and very reasonable it, for liberal enterprising business men (say three minutes) the doctor extracted thirteen back jaw that the older in that of the older in J. F. GREADY & CO.'S DECC'STORE.

it will look like a new place. This house always did pride itself on keeping none but the test, and its reputation will lose nothing in the hands of Mr. Williams. He and indispensable in cases of sickness, and to smokers his stock of foreign and domestic cigars offers all they can possibly desire. Reluctantly we depart, for Mr. Williams is a clever gentleman and a good citizen. Nevertheless, business suggests that we "move up," and right next door we find the

TONSORIAL PARLOR of Beverly Ware, than whom a better barber never put a razor to a man's face. Beverly has been shaving as seven or eight years, and we know whereof we speak. While waiting for a "sea-foam," Beverly tells us he has ordered new furniture, a new carpet, another chair, and will refit his cozy little shop completely. Customers will always find Beverly "on deck" and up to all the latest wrinkles in the tonsorial art. But our chronometer bas run down, and as

MR. M. L. CLOPTON, the watchmaker and jeweler, is just next door we'll step in and-who great big show-case crammed full of brand new rings, plus, brooches, watches, spec tacles, etc., and while he winds and sets our watch, Brother Clopton says he will be satisfied with a very small margin all his beautiful goods, and that he has goods that would make very suitable

MESSES, A. N. & A. H. ALFORD, dealers in hardware and machinery, furniture, tii.ware, wagons and wagon-ware, fort, is just such a landlord as every tire, theware, wagons and wagon-ware, tired, hungry, weary traveler loves to smooth and barbed wire, guns, pistols, crockery, queensware, glassware, earthencever on the qui vive to make his guests comfortable and "at home." His tables ware and woodenware. They also keep justly celebrated Charter Oak stoves. Messrs. Russell and Shade Simmons were ed in both on hand as usual, and working like the beavers waiting on customers. The Mesars, Alford do a flourishing business. Capt. A. N. Alford, the senior member and need no "tipping" to make them at- the firm, is mayor of Wills Point, and he The rooms are all is the right man in the right place. But and scrupulously here is our young friend, Jake Manzie, handsomely carpeted and scrupulously here is our young friend, Jake Manzie, clean. The "Montfort" is a quiet, just stepped in to buy a new cleaver, so we will go with him into the

MEAT MARKET of Mr. W. W. McLeod, and see him wield JOHN CHEATHAM'S barber-shop for a shave, and find him wild turkey and everything so neatly arand saddlery shop of

MR. G. H. BRUCK, to have a slight alteration made in the elegant double set of barness just pur-chased the day before. Mr. Bruce, with his handsome assistant, Henry Collier, soon have everything righted, for they understand their business. While waiting, a glance into the shop is sufficient to convince us that the stock is complete, and just as Mr. Bruce whispered, "yes, and at the lowest prices."

ran out of his confectionery and fruit stand on the corner, and yelled as we drove rapidly away: "Nuts fur de la-tee and gan-dees for de bables, und det grab appil cider, also." But yonder goes Jake, and we must follow. Dear reader, did you ever try to keep up with a butcher's wagon? Well, if you didn't next door, right on the corner, and being we would advise you not to try, unless anxious to get some dots pertaining to you have got a rattling good team, but we had it (for Mr. McLeod don't any other kind) and we "got there." To make a long story short, within just eleven minutes after the steer was driven vote a spare moment to the inspection of into the slaughter-house, Jake had killed, his stock, but find it too large to attempt dressed, quartered and placed it into the to enumerate. Mr. Ritey is one of the wagon. Fact, we timed him. Returning, oldest and best cluzens of Van Zandt we pulled up in front of

from, and on entering met Mr. Henry Dean, who said: "We are selling dry goods, groceries, farming implement has a good trade, and will always have it and everything needed by the farmer, at while he remains in business. But we remarkably low prices, for cash, cattle has a good trade, and workers. But we while he remains in business. But we have not received our noon mail, and have not received our noon mail, and it much better, both for us and for our manual or our trade of the street we enter customers, to allow them a fair cash then sell them supplies at the lowest oash prices, than to sell them on time and take mortgages on their cattle, crops and other personal property; for when goods are sold on time 10 or 12 per cent must be added as interest on the money invested; besides 20 or 50 per cent. ad il tional must be added to cover losses on collections and to pay attorneys' fees, which is a necessary expense resulting from the credit system. We have adopted this plan, and we guarantee the lowest prices for our goods, and will pay fair eash prices for stock, make it to the interest of the people to trade with us, and we invite the public to call and get our prices." to call and get our prices." And we belooking as pleased and happy as a young Camp, whom we saw only at his lesses girl who has just received the first letter and exchanging greetings with Messrs girl who has just received the first letter Sim Florence, Wm. Willson, Lum Rob-Waving our jeweled hand to Mr. Tom Camp, whom we saw busy at his desk, let that interfere with his business, and he keeps a full line of fancy candles, nuts across to the ertson and Jimmie Dean, clerks, (we did

solicit correspondence. Across the hall office scene reminds us that it would be part of the city. As we depart we meet from their office is the

our clever young friend w. n. wynne, Esq., attorney and counselor at law and nota-ry public, and as he nshers us into his handsome office in the opera-house block, we feel relieved as we sit down in one of when the fee will justify. He is a native Texan, and any business intrusted to him will receive the best and most accurate attention. In the adjoining room we find his brother, Dr. T. L. Wynne, DENTAL SURGEON,

and while seated in his elegant dental stairs we met

DR. W. W. REEVES, one of our best and most skillful physiclans and surgeons. We had not spoken two words till be said: "Yes, sir; put stern, and after the carpenters, painters, it will look like a new place. This was a live people and are not sell that we hands with the doctor at parting he inti-mated that we had broken three of his fingers and dislocated two more, and while he ran up stairs to attend to them, we sauntered leisurely down to the MAMMOTH DRY GOODS EMPORIUM OF R W. ROSE, We said mammoth, because it is a mam-

moth establishment. The building is a give an idea of their immense business we might state that they have handled bankrupt rificed at less than half their first cost. This enables him to sell goods very low, of course. His stock consists of everything in the dry goods and clothing and ladles' and gents' furnishing line, which it would be useless to try to enumerate, for he is receiving something new every day. His clerks, Messrs. Tom Payton, George Childress and Sioan Haines, are very clever and polite. By the way, Mr. Bob Felton, formerly of the firm of J. G. Human & Co., has accepted the position of bookkeeper for this house, and will be glad to see his many friends. After receiving present of an ulster and a plug hat, we take our leave, and meet

MR. J. W. PULLER, one of the largest property owners in Wills Point and one of the leading citizens of the county. He listens kindly, and, like the enterprising citizen that he is, says, "Let her go!" But it is now time for another lemonade, and to the

On the south side of the square we go for he knows our weakness shows us a very fine brand of old Mcelegant billiard table, where lovers of the disputes over grazing-grounds. game can pass an hour pleasantly. Time's up, though, and remembering an engagement with

the popular groceryman on the south side, we step a few doors further west and find him busy, as usual, for he has many customers, as he deserves to have.

The world-renowned appetizer and invigorator. Beware of counterfeits. Ask your grocer or druggist for the genuine article, manufactured by Dr. J. G. B. Siegert & Sons. There is not a cleverer or more wholemore generous hearted man in or out of the state. His stock is full and complete, and fresh, too, for he can't keep goods long. He has a fine lot of seed potatoes and fresh garden seeds, and it is not necessary to say he sells everyhing at the very lowest prices, for every body knows that. A few steps further brings us to the house of

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MESSES, T. Z. WOODHOUSE & CO., dealers in general merchandise, and plantation supplies. At the threshold we are met by the popular and good-looking. Billy Rice, who conducts us through a labyrinth of goods of all kinds, such as are kept in first-class establishments, and we finally land in the office. Here we find Capt. Woodhouse and Mr. Gilberd. They tell us they have several valuable farms for sale, among the most desirable of which are 112 scress sixteen miles west of Wills Point, and sixty acres of which is under cultivation. Also, 115 acres seven miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and about one-half under cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and about one-half under cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and about one-half under cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and about one-half under cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and about one-half under cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and about one-half under cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and about one-half under cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and about one-half under cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, and cultivation. Also, 100 acres three miles west of Wills Point, on the Cedar Grove road, all under fence, ments. These are all very desirable farms, and will be sold very low. Write for further particulars. It is only a stone's throw, and while we are so near, we'll just step over to the large double brick on the next corner to the

HARRIS HOUSE. Where more than once we have reposes our weary limbs on a downy feather bed Mr. Jas. A. Harris, the genial proprietor, we find in the office, and knowing us to be on a general tour of inspection, he is ready for us. This was formerly known as the Cleveland house, and every drummer whose good fortune ever allowed him to visit Wills Point, knows the high standard of excellence which has maintained for it. Mr. Harris endeavors o please all, as patrons of the house will freely testify. He prides himself on know. ng how to keep hotel and leaves nothing and there in the opera-house bloc find the old and well-known firm of THOMPSON & M'KINNEY,

who deal in dry-goods, groceries, clothing, boots, shoes—but why try to enumerate? Their stock is too large and this space is too limited. This firm has done business here for the past seven years, and there is not a house in Texas that has and there is not a noise in Texas that has a better standing in the commercial world, or more fully enjoys the confi-dence of the people. But time files and

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